



2010 National Peace Workshops

'Exposing and opposing militarism and militarisation'

From 6pm, Friday 16 April to 2pm, Sunday 18 April, Quaker Settlement, Whanganui

Programme: the theme of the 2010 National Peace Workshops (NPW) is 'Exposing and opposing militarism and militarisation' - the main focus will be workshops and participatory discussion with contributors who have experience of nonviolent resistance to militarism and militarisation here and overseas.

Resource people this year will provide an overview of militarism and militarisation, militarism and gender in the Pacific, and militarism in NZ churches and schools. The programme will include Waihopai Ploughshares follow up, building communities of nonviolent resistance, campaign updates from peace groups, and the Peace Movement Aotearoa AGM (*see note below). A general outline of the programme will be available when you register, but it will remain flexible throughout and ultimately be determined by the participants.

This is a weekend for sharing and learning from stories and experiences, and together coming up with ideas about what we can do to expose and oppose militarism and militarisation.

Venue: The 2010 NPW are at the Quaker Settlement on the northern outskirts of Whanganui, a place noted for its quiet peaceful atmosphere, and beautiful yet simple award-winning facilities. It is on a 20 acre site with a range of accommodation options, a swimming pool, areas of forest and native trees, a pond which has been developed as a Garden of Peace for quiet retreat and contemplation, and a walk around the boundary of the site with scenic views. How much you participate in the NPW is entirely up to you, this is a venue where you can simply hang out and relax if that is what you would like to do over the weekend.

Registration and cost: there are a variety of cost options for participants ranging from \$20 to \$160 per adult, with special rates for children. The low income and child rates are below cost, but if the reduced rates are still more than you can afford please let us know. The registration form is available online at <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/npw10reg.pdf> - if you wish to pay by bank transfer, please contact pma@extra.co.nz for the email registration form and bank account details.

The deadline for registration is Monday, 12 April (for late registration, please phone or email to let us know you are coming then bring your registration form and payment with you). Details of how to get to the Settlement will be sent when you register.

Residential accommodation options: there are four options for participants staying at the Settlement * **unit** - with bed, pillow, linen, bedding, and towel provided; tea/coffee making amenities and en suite bathroom facilities * **cabin** - with bed, mattress and pillow provided, bring your own linen and bedding, or pillowcase and sleeping bag, and towel; shared bathroom facilities * **sleeping house** - a mix of open plan bunk beds and floor space, mattress and pillow provided, bring your own linen and bedding, or pillowcase and sleeping bag, and towel; shared bathroom facilities * **camping** - bring your own tent, bedding, sleeping mat, and anything else you need for camping; shared bathroom facilities. All meals will be provided for NPW participants staying at the Settlement. Please note that there are a restricted number

of units and cabins available, so priority when allocating them will first be given to those who need them for health or other reasons, and they will then be allocated in the order that registrations are received.

Non-residential accommodation: information about other accommodation options is available at <http://www.wanganui.info>

Guidelines for those staying at the Settlement: please be mindful that there are residents living in the houses around the conference facilities, so respect for their privacy and keeping noise levels down when moving around the Settlement at night are appreciated. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult when using the swimming pool. No smoking or lit candles are permitted inside any of the buildings (there are specified smoking areas outside); and no alcohol should be brought onto the site.

Travel to Whanganui * by car - please fill in the car pool section on the registration form if you can offer or need seats in a car or van *** by bus or air** (check your phone book for local numbers) - **bus:** NakedBus <http://nakedbus.com> Intercity www.intercity.co.nz or White Star sites.yellow.co.nz/site/whitestar/index.html and - **air:** Air NZ www.airnz.co.nz

Donations and co-sponsorship: whether or not you are planning on attending the NPW, if you are able to send a donation to assist with the costs that would be gratefully received. Because these NPW are residential, we are providing substantially subsidised rates for low income participants to ensure that all who wish to attend are not prevented from doing so because of the cost. Donations will be used to help with the subsidised rates; and, as with previous NPW, if there are any surplus funds they will be held in trust by Peace Movement Aotearoa for the next NPW.

There is the opportunity for organisations to co-sponsor the NPW. Co-sponsorship comprises a minimum donation of \$100, and in return co-sponsoring organisations are listed on publicity material, on the 2010 NPW web page, and in any published report. If you are interested in being a NPW co-sponsor, please contact us as soon as possible.

Donation and co-sponsorship cheques should be made payable to 'Peace Movement Aotearoa: Special Projects' and sent to the address below. Please remember to include your name, address, and organisation (where applicable) if you would like a receipt. If you would like to make a donation by bank transfer, please email pma@extra.co.nz for the account details.

*** Note to Peace Movement Aotearoa members. Annual General Meeting:** the 2010 AGM will be held during the NPW. Agenda: apologies and remembrances, minutes of the last AGM, matters arising, presentation of 2008/09 Annual Report, presentation of the accounts for the 2008/09 financial year, election of Working Group, general business, and date and place of the next Annual General Meeting. **Call for nominations to the Peace Movement Aotearoa Working Group** (management committee): Working Group members should have a keen interest in peace and social justice issues, enthusiasm, a professional approach, a commitment to good employment practices, and be a Peace Movement Aotearoa member. If you wish to add items to the AGM agenda, send apologies, or nominate yourself or someone else to go on the Working Group, please contact the office.

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